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SUBJECT: AUTHORSHIP OF "HARPER'S" ARTICLE

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1. EMBASSY WAS FIRST TOLD - ABOUT A MONTH AGO-
BEFORE ARTICLE APPEARED - BY ARAMCO (RIDA NAZER AND
FRANK JUNGERS) OF LUTTWAK'S AUTHORSHIP OF MARCH
"HARPER'S" ARTICLE. I MENTIONED THIS TO COOLEY ON
BACKGROUND; HE SAID HE ALREADY KNEW IN ANY CASE.
ARAMCO HAS BEEN FREE IN SPREADING REPORT OF LUTTWAK'S
AUTHORSHIP AND NEWSMEN'S ACCOUNTS COULD HAVE COME
FROM ANYONE. WE DID NOT SPEAK WITH ANY NEWSMEN
ON THE SUBJECT DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

2. REPORTS OF LUTTWAK'S AUTHORSHIP WAS SUBSEQUENTLY
RECEIVED BY SEVERAL OFFICERS FROM WASHINGTON FRIENDS.
MEMBERS OF SECRETARY'S PARTY IN RIYADH MARCH 19
ALSO SPOKE TO EMBASSY OFFICERS OF LUTTWAK AS AUTHOR
OF "HARPER'S" ARTICLE.

3. IF LUTTWAK "CONVEYED" ARTICLE TO HARPER'S",
WHY DOES HE CONSIDER ACCUSATION OF AUTHORSHIP
LIBELOUS?

4. IF LUTTWAK DIDN'T WRITE THE ARTICLE, WHO DID?
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